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From: William Bailey (on behalf of John R. Lane)

Date: September 20, 2005

Re: STATUS INQUIRY Follow-Up  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,331, filed June 5, 2002  
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also left on Sept. 20, 2005

Dear Director Love:

On October 4, 2004 you were kind enough to return my voicemail message concerning the above-referenced patent application for which I had sent you via facsimile a Status Inquiry.. You told me at that time that there was a backlog in the area of business method applications, and that it may take as long as 3 years for examination to take place. We are now in the 39<sup>th</sup> month since filing, and would like an update on the status of this application.

It would be greatly appreciated if someone could respond providing the status of this application. Please response to John R. Lane, attorney of record, at 212-588-0800, Ext. 2045, or to me at 212-588-0800, Ext. 2116.

Very sincerely,

  
William Bailey

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